



State of Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Medical Waste



LIST OF REGISTERED SHARPS COLLECTION STATIONS

Attached is a list of over 500 health care providers, pharmacies and others who have registered to collect sharps as a public service. There is at least one in most counties and some in nearby states, which are listed at the end. To find out when a particular station is open, what it charges (if anything) and who may use it, call the contact person for that station.

What if there isn't a collection station near you? Contact your doctor or clinic; some accept sharps from their patients. Or call a local pharmacy, hospital, diabetes educator, public health department or solid waste department about local options. If you are able, offer to help set up a collection site in your area. If not, your inquiry might encourage someone else to collect sharps. Other more expensive disposal options include hiring a licensed infectious waste hauler and using a "mail-in" sharps program.

Who has to register to collect sharps? People who collect sharps but who don't generate infectious waste themselves (e.g., pharmacies), who take in more than they generate or who would transport more than 50 pounds of infectious waste in a month (e.g., visiting nurses), must register with DNR as a sharps collection station. To find out how to set up and register a sharps collection station, go to the DNR web site (www.dnr.state.wi.us, search for "sharps collection" and choose publication WA-807) or call DNR (1-608-266-2111) and ask for publication WA-807.

Who may collect sharps without registering? People who generate infectious waste themselves (e.g., hospitals, veterinarians) may collect sharps without registering if they take in less than they generate themselves or less than 500 pounds per month, whichever is less. However, DNR encourages everyone who collects sharps to register, even if they only collect sharps from their patients.

Where can one obtain an updated copy of this list? On the DNR's website (www.dnr.state.wi.us, search for "sharps collection" and choose publication WA-808) or call the DNR (608-266-2111), the American Diabetes Association's Wisconsin chapter (1-888-342-2383) or the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (608-257-3665).